

## St. Anthony's Parish

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### OFFICE HOURS:

MON - FRI: 9:30 AM — 1:30 PM  
2:00 PM — 4:00 PM

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## MASS SCHEDULES

### SUNDAY MASS:

Saturday 4:30 pm  
Sunday 8:30 am, 10:30 am

### WEEKDAYS:

Monday - Saturday: 9:00 am  
1st Friday: 6:30 pm

### CONFESSIONS:

Monday - Saturday: 8:30 - 8:50 am  
Saturday: 3:30 pm - 4:15 pm

### ADORATION:

Friday: 9:30 am - 4:00 pm  
[ 1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH ]  
9:30 am - 4:00 pm &  
Vigil 7:00 pm to Saturday 8:00 am

Sign-up sheets located in vestibule

### ONLINE GIVING OFFERTORY

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THE QR-CODE



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# ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH

2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup> 2025

## ADVENT RETREAT

*Pilgrims of Hope*

*Will you come and follow me?*

Saturday, December 20, 9 am-11 am at St. Anthony's Parish



## SECOND COLLECTION: YOUTH MINISTRY, DEC 7

**Youth Ministry** is growing once again at **St. Anthony's Parish**! For the past year we have been organizing two events per month and we've had an amazing group of young people attending! Thank you Peter and Harrison for all your time and hard work so far! Thank you to the parents who have supported us by making meals, and especially encouraging their youth to come out on Saturday nights.

From games nights, ping pong, pumpkin carving, Bible reflections, adoration, movie nights, sandwich making for The Door is Open, floor hockey, and Mario Karts competitions, we are now ready for our next event on Sunday, December 14: **A Very Merry Youthmas- a St. Anthony's and Christ the Redeemer Parishes Youth Collab!** Organized by youth leaders from both parishes, the event will include food, games and a Gingerbread House Contest! **Everyone in Grade 7 and up is invited to attend!** Please encourage your youth to come out and bring friends!

As we continue to grow and build our community of young people, we thank you for your support! 50% of this Sunday's Youth Ministry collection will be returned to our parish to help with our own efforts to provide our youth with opportunities to grow in faith and community. Please, keep all our young people and our youth ministry in your prayers! For more information, email [sapyouthmin@gmail.com](mailto:sapyouthmin@gmail.com) or follow us on instagram.

## PARISH ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

MON — SAT	8:15 AM — 8:30 AM	LITURGY OF THE HOURS & MORNING PRAYERS
MON — DEC 8	10:00 AM — 12:00 PM	CATHOLIC FAITH COURSE (SESSION 13)
TUE — DEC 9	6:30 PM	RCIA
TUE — DEC 9	7:00 PM — 8:00 PM	CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP
WED — DEC 10	5:00 PM — 6:00 PM	RCIT
WED — DEC 10	6:00 PM — 7:15 PM	PREP
THU — DEC 11	1:00 PM — 3:00 PM	CRAFT GROUP
FRI — DEC 12	10:00 AM — 3:00 PM	ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
FRI — DEC 12	3:00 PM — 4:00 PM	DIVINE MERCY
FRI — DEC 12	6:30 PM	OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS & POTLUCK
SAT & SUNDAY	AFTER EVERY MASS	PROJECT ADVANCE DONATIONS (FOYER)
SUN — DEC 14	5:00 PM — 8:00 PM	YOUTHMAS (SAP & CTR YOUTH MINISTRIES)

# News from St. Anthony's Parish

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, December 8

9:00 am - † Alessandra Bitelli

### Tuesday, December 9

9:00 am - † Clara Sulpa

### Wednesday, December 10

9:00 am - *Sp. Int. of Mirna Armenta*

### Thursday, December 11

9:00 am - † Alessandra Bitelli

### Friday, December 12

9:00 am - *Sp. Int. of Bishop Gary and Family*

### Saturday, December 13

9:00 am - *Sp. Int. Peter & Jo Flach*

4:30 pm - † Alessandra Bitelli  
† Michel Ramond

### Sunday, December 14

8:30 am - *Parishioners*

10:30 am - † Alessandra Bitelli

## THE GIVING TREE IS UP! How can you participate?

You are all invited to take a card from the Giving Tree by the foyer. Once you have bought the corresponding gift card, please leave it at the parish office. The gift cards you buy will be delivered to support one of the five organizations below:



### Eva's House

Transition home that provides a safe environment to women and children after fleeing domestic abuse.

### Harvest Project

Helps people experiencing family trauma, illness, job loss, and threat of poverty.

### Luke 15

Supports men struggling with addiction to access a program in a safe and welcoming home.

### CoSa

Reduces sexual victimization and assist people who have committed sexual offences to lead responsible and accountable lives in their communities.

### Birthright

Provides support, guidance and reassurances to women facing unexpected pregnancies, and assistance with purchasing maternity and baby items and food.



*Thank you to the PREP students, for decoration the Giving tree!*

ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 7-12!  
YOU ARE INVITED TO

*A Very Merry Youthmas!*

A CTR & ST. ANTHONY'S PARISH  
YOUTH MINISTRIES COLLAB

SUNDAY 5 PM | **14** | DECEMBER TO 8PM

St. Anthony's Parish Hall

RSVP to Peter and Harrison on  
Whatsapp, Instagram or at  
sapyouthmin@gmail.com

**ALPHA**  
EXPLORE THE MEANING  
OF LIFE

**WHO WILL YOU INVITE?**

Every Thursday  
starting January 2026.

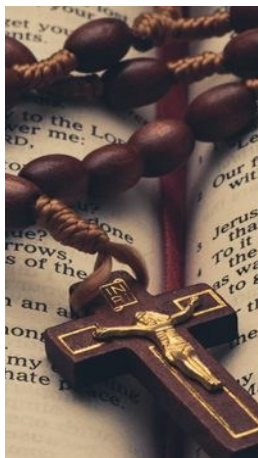
86% of guests have experienced an Alpha because someone **personally** invited them.

### TIPS for Inviting Others to Alpha

1. **STOP and PRAY** - ask God who you should invite.
2. Customize your conversation to the individual - take time to understand them to increase the chance they will say yes.
3. Be specific and direct! Commit to going to Alpha together!
4. Don't get discouraged if they say "no". Consider asking, "Can I ask why?" and engage in conversation.
5. Send a friend the trailer: <https://player.vimeo.com/video/184067598>

For more information contact Elizabeth at: [elizabeth.sawv@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth.sawv@gmail.com)

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## RCIA UPDATE

**Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming  
Sunday, Dec 13<sup>TH</sup> at 10:30 am Mass.**

Come and show your support to our new catechumens and candidates as they take this important step in their journey towards the Sacraments of Initiation.

During this special Mass, they will affirm their commitment to continue their preparation and walk to deeper discipleship, and we will pledge to

## CWL CORNER

St Anthony's CWL would like to thank Father Lucio Choi for his wonderful presentation at our Advent breakfast: *"Preparing for a Meaningful Advent"*.

**Our next CWL meeting:**  
**Tuesday, January 27<sup>TH</sup> after morning Mass.**



## PROJECT ADVANCE 2025 — HOPE THRIVES HERE

**"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace" - Acts 20:35**

As we continue with Advent may we be thankful for the gifts that each of us has received. May we remember in our prayers and by our deeds the needs of those less fortunate.

On behalf of our parish community, we thank our fellow parishioners who have made a gift to our Project Advance Appeal. These gifts help us to keep our church in good repair and to help people in our community who are in need. **So far this year, we have received 117 gifts (24.5% of registered parish households) totalling \$85,500 towards our parish goal of \$100,000.** This is the highest rate of participation and the closest we have been to reaching our goal in the past decade. We ask for everyone's prayers.

**We can accept further gifts until December 31.**

- We will have a table, for the last time this year, in the vestibule after each Mass this weekend.
- Through the Sunday collection basket (please mark the gift for Project Advance).
- At the parish office or online: [www.projectadvance.ca](http://www.projectadvance.ca)

We encourage everyone who has not donated to consider a gift to this year's appeal. All gifts, regardless of the amount are important and gratefully received. We wish everyone a happy and holy Advent. **God bless everyone.**

## ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICES

This Advent, take a step in your spiritual journey by returning to Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. By opening your heart to his healing mercy, you are preparing a place for his joy and peace this Christmas.

**Thursday, December 11<sup>TH</sup>**

9:00 am — St. Thomas Aquinas High School

**Tuesday, December 16<sup>TH</sup>**

7:00 pm — Christ The Redeemer

**Wednesday, December 17<sup>TH</sup>**

10:30 am — St. Stephen's

7:00 pm — St. Edmund's

**Friday, December 19<sup>TH</sup>**

7:00 pm — St. Pius X

**Saturday, December 20<sup>TH</sup>**

7:00 pm — St. Joseph, Squamish

**Saturday, December 20<sup>TH</sup>**

11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Church of the Assumption, Powell River

Learn more at:

[rcav.org/announcements/advent-penitential-services](http://rcav.org/announcements/advent-penitential-services)



## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE POTLUCK FEAST

**Friday, Dec 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**Mass at 6:30 pm — Dinner at 7:00 pm**

**Location: St. Anthony's Church**

**Sign up in the Foyer!** You can bring chili con carne, guacamole and chips, salad, snacks or dessert!  
You can also help us volunteering with serving or clearing up.

For more information contact Laura at 778-891-1496 or the parish office.



## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

**Every Tuesday, 7:00 pm**

**Location: St. Anthony's Church**

Pre-recorded 10 minute talk by Benedictines Fr. John Main or Fr. Laurence Freeman, a 25 minute silent meditation followed by time for questions and comments.

For information contact JoAnn or Leo at [jlculen@telus.net](mailto:jlculen@telus.net) or visit: [wccm.org](http://wccm.org)

**The group will break over Christmas and will not meet on: December 16, 23 or 30.**



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## CONGRATULATIONS!

Our dear young parishioners **Eva and Robert Jarvis** were selected as finalists in the **2025 Ambrose Matilda International Music Competition**, in both the solo and duo categories.

## CATHOLIC FAITH COURSE

**Every Monday from 10 am to 12 pm**  
**Location: St. Anthony's Parish Hall**

### Session 14: Supernatural Life.

Learn about the rich teachings and practices for our Catholic Faith from **Fr. Vincent Hawkswell** and **Maureen Creelman**. **No need to register, everyone is welcome!**

Take the online course from home:  
**[beholdvancouver.org/catholic-faith-course](https://beholdvancouver.org/catholic-faith-course)**

## MEN'S SHELTER

**Next Pick Up: Saturday, Dec 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Time 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm**  
**Location: Parish Parking Lot**

For more information contact Nancy Thomas at: **[nanthomas@shaw.ca](mailto:nanthomas@shaw.ca)**

This upcoming Men's Shelter meal delivery on Saturday will be the last before Christmas and we are asking for special treats, cookies, sweets, etc. Many stores sell the large tins of Chocolate Butter cookies, specifically Costco and Walmart. Your donation of either homemade cookies or store bought would be much appreciated.

## ARCHBISHOP'S MASS FOR LIFE

**Saturday, December 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Time: 11:30 am**  
**Location: Holy Rosary Cathedral**

The Archbishop's Annual Mass for Life is a once-a-year pro-life event for all Catholics and those involved in the pro-life movement. Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Richard Smith followed by a light reception in the hall with live music. All are welcome!



## LIVING WATERS FUND — APPLICATION NOW OPEN!

\$350,000 in project-based grants are available to Catholic organizations that accompany women in adversity.

The Archdiocese of Vancouver invites Catholic organizations to apply for the new Living Waters Fund, which supports mission-aligned projects that help women find safety, stability, and healing. Established through the generosity of supporters at the 2025 Archbishop's Dinner, the fund will award \$350,000 in project-based grants.

Learn more and apply: **[support.rcav.org/living-waters-fund](https://support.rcav.org/living-waters-fund)**  
Applications for *Round 1* are open until Dec 31<sup>ST</sup>, 2025.



## SIMBANG GABI COMMISSIONING MASS AND NOVENA OF MASSES

Simbang Gabi is a devotional Filipino tradition that involves a nine-day series of novena Masses in anticipation of Christmas and in honour of Mother Mary.

### Commissioning Mass:

**Saturday, December 13<sup>TH</sup> at 6:30 pm.**  
**Location: Holy Rosary Cathedral.**

We will start with a *parol* blessing and procession, followed by the Commissioning Mass.

### Christmas Novena:

**December 15<sup>TH</sup> to 24<sup>TH</sup>**

All are invited to Simbang Gabi daily at participating parishes. For Simbang Gabi Mass Times, please check the respective parish' website.

Learn more and find participating parishes at:

**[beholdvancouver.org/events/Simbang-gabi-filipino-mass](https://beholdvancouver.org/events/Simbang-gabi-filipino-mass)**



## CHRISTMAS OUTREACH TO THE HOMELESS 2025

**Thursday, December 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
**Time: from 2 pm to 5:30 pm**  
**Location: Holy Rosary Cathedral**

We love meeting new people, making friends, sharing our love for God, praying for His presence and guidance, and going out bringing His hope and love to the homeless, the addicted, and the prostituted.

Spend Christmas day with Catholic Street Missionaries (CSM) and reach out to our less privileged brothers and sisters on the streets of Vancouver. All young adults aged 19-39 are welcome!

Learn more about CSM at: **[catholicstreetmissionaries.org](https://catholicstreetmissionaries.org)**